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*Gardner-Webb University celebrates its recent recognition in the Portfolio of Excellence as an "exemplary" institution.*



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*Julie Hensley, who participated in morning ceremonies, with parents Johnny and Linda Hensley of Burnsville, NC*



*Jodi Baughn (right) and fellow divinity graduate Eric Davis celebrate following the afternoon graduation ceremonies*

## A FIRST FOR GWU: NUMBERS PROMPT TWO GRADUATION CEREMONIES IN MAY

Gardner-Webb for the first time held two Spring graduation ceremonies in one day on May 12 in response to its growing numbers of graduates. A 10 a.m. ceremony honored all undergraduates receiving degrees, including GOAL students. At 3 p.m. those receiving graduate degrees had their own ceremony.

Both versions of commencement were held in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on campus. Nearly 500 students in all participated in May 12 exercises.

Recent years have seen capacity crowds on campus for graduations, and overflow facilities had even been used for those who didn't have seats in the LYCC. For that reason, says Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gil Blackburn, the second ceremony was added.

"We didn't want to limit the number of guests each graduating student could

invite because students should have the support of friends at this time and should not have to compromise their support group," said Blackburn.

Morning ceremonies featured students from various campus organizations giving words of encouragement and speaking about fond memories of GWU. Groups that were represented by student speakers include the Presidential Associates, GOAL program, Honors program, Alpha Chi, campus Christian organizations, student government and intercollegiate athletics.

Kenny Wince, who was awarded the Most Outstanding Male Graduate Medal, spoke on behalf on intercollegiate athletics, saying, "Graduates as you move forward in life, ask not for riches, but for courage ... courage to bring honor to God. You see, our challenge is now to take what

Gardner-Webb has instilled in us – caring, character and tradition – into the world."

The afternoon ceremony featured a keynote address by E. Thomas Hardin, vice chair of the GWU Board of Trustees, as well as brief addresses from graduating students.

Jodi Baughn, speaking on behalf of

the M. Christopher White School of Divinity graduates, said, "It may be easy for us to hear ourselves being called masters of our chosen fields. But I challenge you not to act as masters, but as servants, to God and your fellow man."

### On The Inside:

- Dr. Stephen Plate named professor of the year
- National study praises Gardner-Webb curriculum
- Basketball and tennis teams win NCCAA championships





## RALPH ANDREWS SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES FULL TUITION FOR TWO AFRICAN-AMERICANS

Gardner-Webb in March named two recipients of the university's full-tuition scholarship for African-American males. The young men who will receive the Ralph W. Andrews Scholarship are Allen (Michael) Littlejohn of Shelby High



School and Justin M. Boyd of Kings Mountain High School.

Each year the scholarship fund, which was endowed by a \$1 million

bequest from the late Mr. Andrews, a Cleveland County native, will seek to award full tuition, room and board to

worthy Cleveland County seniors who enroll at Gardner-Webb. An application and interview process identifies those who possess

outstanding scholastic achievement, leadership skills, strong moral character, and a desire to serve their communities.

Littlejohn, who is the son of Dianne S. Littlejohn, is involved in the band, basketball team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, monogram club and student athletic training. Honors and recognition he has received include being named to Who's Who Among

American High School Students, a letterman in athletics, team captain, and being named head athletic trainer. He lists working as a server/host at Ham's Restaurant and being involved with church activities as favorite ways to spend his time.

Boyd, who is the son of Arlene Boyd, is involved with the Renaissance Club, Beta Club, basketball team and Project teach. He was recognized with the Academic Achievement Award, Project Teach Award, and was the recipient of a Project Teach scholarship from Winston-Salem State University. Favorite activities for Boyd include playing basketball, volunteering with children and the elderly, and movies.

Drew Van Horn, Gardner-Webb vice president for university relations, serves on the selection committee for the Andrews Scholarship. He said both recipients this year made distinct impressions during their respective interviews.

"Our committee was overwhelmed by the drive and determination of both of these young men," Van Horn said. "While both of them have notable academic credentials, we were most impressed with their desire to better themselves and their communities with a college education from Gardner-Webb. This institution will be well-represented by Michael Littlejohn and Justin Boyd in the years to come."

Ralph Andrews, who passed away in 1997 in Hawaii, had a strong compassion for the African-American community and stipulated in his estate that an endowment be established at Gardner-Webb to provide full tuition scholarships for African-American males. Andrews left Cleveland County after graduating Shelby High School in 1942 and made his way to San Francisco after college, beginning what would be a long career with McGraw-Hill Publishing Company.



Floyd Williams (left) of Time Warner Cable with Dr. Chris White

the University and the Department of Communication Studies will facilitate programming needs.

"We will start slowly," said Dr. White, "but we hope to provide more and more programming as the number of majors grows and as the resources increase."

Time Warner Cable, Inc., has continued to show its support of the GWU program with a \$10,000 gift to the Communication Studies area.

## GALA EVENT THANKS DONORS



On March 31, nearly 200 who attended the University Club Gala on the Gardner-Webb campus got what they deserved ... a big 'Thank You.'

The event recognized those who have supported GWU with gifts of \$1,000 or more over the past year. The formal affair treated guests to a four-star menu and entertainment.

"We who work at Gardner-Webb often talk about the vision we have for the University - a vision of growth, continued excellence and leadership in character development," said Dr. Chris White. "The people gathered here tonight have caught that vision, and they have not only dedicated their prayers and their resources to the institution, they have dedicated themselves as well."

The event will be held each year in appreciation for University Club donors. To learn more about the University Club contact GWU at 704-406-4254.

## DONNIE THURMAN, JR., FOLLOWS FATHER TO GWU

*National Beta Club VP Uses Dad's Triumph As Motivation*

Donnie Thurman, Jr., kept busy during his high school days at nearby Crest High School. He completed a brilliant football career, served as National Beta Club vice president, and participated in numerous church activities.

But hard lessons came before stellar accomplishments.

When Donnie was 11, he discovered the importance of life when his father almost died from an attempted suicide. The story of his father, a GWU alumnus who persevered in the GOAL Program to obtain a degree in social services, is what drives the younger Thurman to great heights.

"When you're 11, you don't really think about things, but this opened my eyes and made me a lot more serious about my faith," he says.

He speaks openly about his story in order to help others, too. "I just thought this can't be happening," says Donnie, remembering details of his father needing 100 pints of blood on the night the elder Thurman shot himself.

Donnie recalls a pastor's sermon of

holding on and not giving up. "This brought back my focus on what was important."

Despite what could have been an event to tear this young man apart, Donnie sees this chapter in his life as a turning point. "I believe I wouldn't have been as strong or successful."

In August Donnie will begin studying at Gardner-

Webb. He hopes to follow in his father's footsteps and pursue a career

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Donnie Thurman, Jr.

in social services. He will also continue with football as a member of Steve Patton's Runnin' Bulldogs.

(Katherine Burch of the Shelby Star contributed to this article.)

## CABLE TV IS NEXT VENTURE FOR UNIVERSITY

An exciting new opportunity for the University will mean enhanced learning possibilities for students and increased exposure for GWU.

Floyd Williams of Time Warner Cable (shown above with Dr. Chris White) has offered Gardner-Webb a proposal that would allow the University to provide programming for Cleveland County residents on local channel 19.

Expected to begin this summer, the venture would offer communication studies students invaluable experience in videotaping and editing campus-related events for broadcast. A partnership between the public relations function of



## NATIONAL STUDY RATES GARDNER-WEBB AS "EXEMPLARY," ONE OF JUST THREE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS TO GAIN SUCH STATUS

Gardner-Webb was one of three North Carolina universities to be praised recently by a higher education research organization headed by the wife of Vice President Dick Cheney.

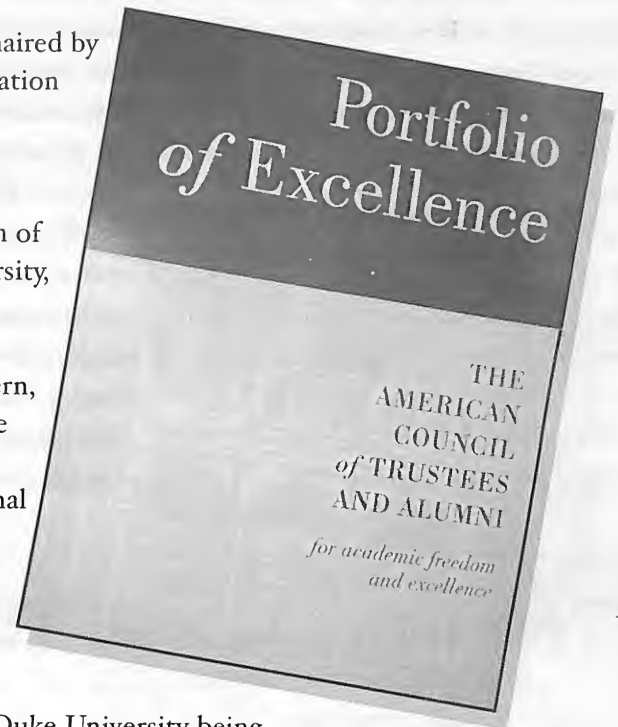
"Portfolio of Excellence," just released by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), which is chaired by Lynne V. Cheney, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, reports on "exemplary education projects across the country."

According to ACTA, "Portfolio of Excellence" was compiled "to help alumni and donors identify outstanding programs and organizations they may want to support." The report contains seven areas in which colleges and universities can be recognized. Gardner-Webb is one of only 26 schools nationally to be hailed in the first section of the report, entitled "Great Books and Liberal Arts," and is included among institutions such as Columbia University, the University of Chicago, Temple University and the University of Wisconsin.

"Portfolio of Excellence" says about GWU: "Gardner-Webb University has a core curriculum including the following: traditional liberal arts (literature, history, languages, sciences, etc.); a heritage theme combining Western, global and American elements; a "dimension of the self" component, which seeks to develop the resources of the inner person; and a broad selection of life-enhancing certificate experiences designed to challenge students to pursue a more meaningful life during and after their university years ... This is a program endorsed by the National Association of Scholars."

Gardner-Webb President Dr. Chris White said of the distinction, "The most satisfying recognitions for the institution are those that are gained from our reputation. We did not seek out this honor or the group that conducted the research. We feel it's a testament to the growth Gardner-Webb has experienced over the last decade in terms of quality, both in our students and in our faculty."

Only three schools in North Carolina gained mention in "Portfolio of Excellence," with UNC-Asheville and Duke University being singled out in later sections of the report. Clemson University was the lone South Carolina college or university to be recognized in the report.



## DELVING INTO E-COMMERCE

Gardner-Webb's World Trade and Free Enterprise Center held a seminar in April entitled "Making E Commerce Work For You." The event, featuring regional corporate leaders, discussed the present and future implications of the trend.

In addition, the seminar focused on how recent developments in e-commerce affect international trade. Strategies were then presented for businesses to become involved and competitive in the e-commerce market.

"I felt we gained contacts and resources that will benefit us in our cross-border trading activities," said one participant. "And I hope everyone in now realizes that the GWU World Trade and Free Enterprise Center has these resources available to them year-round."

Glen Hussman, president of Azdel, Inc., joined Sandra Lynch (GWU alumnus) of Intermedia Communications in Charlotte, and Duke Hagestrom of TITAN Technology Partners in Charlotte as presenters.

Faculty from the GWU School of Business also made presentations, including Van Graham, a juris doctor who discussed legal issues involving e-commerce, and Dr. Glenn Bottoms, who forecasted where e-commerce will lead the world of business in the near future.



Dr. Glenn Bottoms

## 'HERITAGE AWARD' RECOGNIZES BAILEY'S LEADERSHIP

The N.C. Baptist Foundation and the Council on Christian Higher Education have jointly sponsored an event for 27 years in which a North Carolina Baptist has been recognized as the "N.C. Baptist Philanthropist of the Year."

The recipients of that award have been worthy of that special recognition. They have been people who personify outstanding examples of generosity and determination. They have served as points of inspiration for others to consider investing parts of their lives in one of the strategic aspects of our life as NC Baptists. We are indebted to those who have been recognized and honored in that way.

This year, however, a transition was made, and the "NC Baptist Heritage Award" was introduced for each Baptist college in the state to recognize a special individual. The winner of that distinction from Gardner-Webb was Dr. Hoyt Bailey, a trustee who has served several terms over the decades and an ardent supporter of the GWU mission.

Jim Royston, executive director-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention said, "It is nearly impossible for faith, non-profit organizations to make it in a world driven by financial forces that crush organizations that do not enjoy the degree of support such as that presented in this room. It is through the leverage of support, represented by each recipient of this year's 'NC Baptist Heritage Award,' that our agencies and institutions are able to look toward the future with hope and promise. It is through the heritage of each recipient's commitment

and exemplary service that we are able to move toward that future with a high degree of confidence. The 'NC Baptist Heritage Award' is based upon each agency, institution and General Board of our Convention nominating someone who has made a genuine difference in the life of their organization.

"Those who are being honored today have made a difference in their church and one of our agencies or institutions, along with the Baptist State Convention of NC. The strength and depth of their commitment to our life as NC Baptists represents the foundation for this award.

"We are indebted to you who are being honored today. We are grateful for your commitment to our life as NC Baptists. The NC Baptist Heritage Award "Class of 2001" is unique. Each recipient of this year's award will be the first to receive this award, a point of distinction that sets you apart from future honorees."

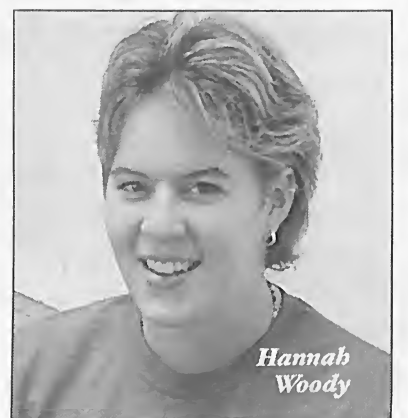


Hoyt Bailey receives the Heritage Award from Jim Royston

## GRADUATING STUDENTS END CAREERS WITH RECOGNITIONS

The concluding DIMENSIONS ceremony of the Spring semester recognized outstanding student achievement, primarily in the areas of leadership and volunteerism. The Most Outstanding Student Award was presented to Hannah Woody, outgoing Student Government Association President. In presenting the award to Woody, Ms. Karissa Weir, director of student leadership and activities, said, "The following attributes describe this year's recipient: a high level of Christian commitment and spiritual maturity ... responsible and dependable ... can both lead and follow ... an authentic role model for all students ... a quality person in every sense of the word!"

At Spring commencement ceremonies, academic excellence was recognized as the Most Outstanding Male Graduate Award was presented to Kenny Wince, and the Most Outstanding Female Graduate Award was presented to Hanh Tran.



Hannah Woody



## DR. STEPHEN PLATE PRESENTED WITH THE FLEMING-WHITE PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

At Gardner-Webb's annual awards luncheon, Apples and Accolades, the University's Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Stephen Plate, professor of music. The award is voted on by faculty, staff and students and recognizes the outstanding faculty member of the past academic year. The award, which was begun by President Chris White and his wife, Linda, in 1987 is named in honor of their parents. A \$1000 cash gift and a plaque accompany the recognition.

Trying to capture his emotions in the wake of the ceremony, Plate (at right),

who is the newly named chair of the Department of Fine Arts, said, "I just love to teach. I want to enlighten students. I want to challenge them. I want them to grow and see truth where they can find it. I'm very privileged to be able to instruct Gardner-Webb students." He added, "I look around at my colleagues on this campus and I see world-class professors. I am honored, to say the least, but I am even more humbled to be singled out among this group."

Plate also is music director and principle conductor of the Charlotte

Repertory Orchestra, as well as the Gardner-Webb University Community Orchestra. He has traveled extensively around the U.S. and the world, serving on many occasions as guest conductor for world-renowned orchestras.

Stephen Sain, university registrar, was named Male Staff Member of the Year, and Margaret Christopher, library media assistant, was honored as Female Staff Member of the Year.

Eight faculty and staff were recognized for 10-year service awards, and three – Dr. Sue Camp, Dr. Oland Summers, and Vickie Webb-Morrison –



*Dr. Plate and wife Tausba celebrate his award as GWU professor of the year*

were given 25-year service awards.

Retirees included four faculty members – Dr. Barbara Burkett, Dr. Ben Carson, Nell Griggs and Dolly Meilinger.

## THE CHALLENGE TO DIVERSIFY THE GWU FACULTY

*(Editor's Note: In the last issue of The Web, we began a series that discusses diversity at the University. This is the second of a three-part series.)*

"It's not that I don't appreciate all of my fellow professors. I would enjoy having other African-American colleagues among the teaching ranks here, but I don't focus on that."

Dr. Cindy McKinney, associate professor of education at GWU, speaks softly but delivers a very real message: small, private universities are many times at a disadvantage when competing for minority faculty members.

A fellow African-American faculty member, Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, has given much thought to the dilemma. A professor of economics, Negbenebor finds himself in all corners of the country delivering speeches and presenting findings to those in his field. The audiences, he says, have few minorities in them.

"That's because there are very few blacks, in my field at least, who choose to obtain their doctorate degrees in order to teach."

Negbenebor points out that there are few African-American counterparts nationwide.

McKinney offers what has been a common result when a minority Ph.D. begins looking for a teaching position.



**Dr. Anthony Negbenebor says, "... there are very few blacks, in my field at least, who choose to obtain their doctorate degrees in order to teach."**

"Because there are so few, it is often hard for college faculties to reflect the diversity of their student bodies. But you must understand that nationwide the pool of applicants is small, African-American or otherwise. The search for the kind of faculty members we want at Gardner-Webb is challenging, no matter the applicants color."

Following McKinney's reasoning, Negbenebor says not to miss the ultimate point: that Gardner-Webb shouldn't be in the market of recruiting faculty members because of color. Faith, both professors agree, is the key consideration.

"I am not too concerned about color," says Negbenebor. "Gardner-Webb is a special place. It offers faith-based education,

which is consistent with our mission. Not everyone out there looking for a job will be led to teach at a place like this."

McKinney agrees.

"Our approach to diversifying the faculty should be one that will unite us, not one that divides by seeking to fill quotas or be politically correct," she explains. "The goal here is to teach students to adapt and adjust to the environment they

will encounter in the working world. Minority faculty members can bring unique experiences to the classroom in that regard. But, first and foremost, at Gardner-Webb they need to teach from a Christian perspective."

Both McKinney and Negbenebor conclude that talk of faculty diversity has its merits because of the changing world around us – a globalized economy and the trend of increasing minority populations in the United States being paramount. But, they say, it is not appropriate to judge the learning experience students get at GWU based on how many ethnic groups are represented among the faculty.

"If there were six million blacks out there looking for teaching jobs, it doesn't mean they would fit in with Gardner-Webb's Christian mission," says Negbenebor.

McKinney adds, "I don't look at serving the Lord in terms of color. My love for God overshadows everything else. This is where I have been led, and this is where I have the freedom to express my beliefs from a pedagogical and Christian viewpoint in the classroom. That has nothing to do with color. That has to do with working at a place where I can serve my Master."

Dr. Gil Blackburn, vice president of academic affairs, explains, "We try very hard to employ a diverse faculty. In fact, our faculty includes persons from numerous foreign cultures and regions of the United States. We go to great lengths to attract more African-American candidates whenever we have faculty vacancies. However, the competition for highly-trained African American faculty, especially from state institutions, is fierce. We haven't given up the fight because there are individuals who prefer to teach at schools like Gardner-Webb."

Negbenebor says Blackburn's point cannot be understated.

"We can attract many faculty to this school, but do they fit our mission? We might be able to attract some more minorities to our faculty as supply increases. But if you come for money, you will soon leave for more money somewhere else. You don't come to GWU searching for gold; you come to be a part of the mission."

McKinney quickly follows, "I would rather have someone come to teach here who is going to stay and be a part of GWU because it's what they believe in."

Dr. Anthony Negbenebor has just completed 12 years of service to Gardner-Webb. Dr. Cindy McKinney has completed 9 years of service. They say two things have cemented their bond with the University.

"We love God and we love to teach."



**Dr. Cindy McKinney adds, "The search for the kind of faculty members we want (here) is challenging, no matter the applicants color."**



# 'Science and Religion' Course Wins Prestigious Grant

*\$10k Award Is One Of Only 100 Given Worldwide*

The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS), Science and Religion Course Program, announced that it has awarded Gardner-Webb University with a \$10,000 grant to fund the development of a new course focusing on the ongoing dialogue between science and religion. The grant is one of 100 awards given to colleges and universities around the world in CTNS' annual Science and Religion Course Award Competition. Gardner-Webb professors Dr. Kent Blevins and Susan Manahan received the award for their course entitled Science and Religion.



Dr. Kent Blevins

"As the pace and scope of scientific discovery increases, as science and technological discoveries permeate the everyday world of religious and cultural traditions, courses, which critically address the relationship between science and our religious experiences, become increasingly vital," said Dr. Ted Peters, director of the CTNS Science and Religion Course Program. "By bringing science and religion into contact with one another at universities our goal is to foster a worldwide community

of scientists and religious intellectuals actively engaging in formulating and addressing questions of ultimate concern."

In addition to Gardner-Webb University, \$10,000 course grants have been awarded to schools from across the United States and schools in Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Czech Republic, China, Estonia, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia,

Scotland, Singapore, Slovakia, Sweden, The Netherlands, Uganda, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom. The award is divided evenly between the course instructors and the institution.

Established in 1994, the CTNS Science and Religion Course Program (SRCP) has granted 669 awards for new courses in science and religion. It is estimated that these awards have resulted in more than 1,500 new courses offerings on campuses around the world and approximately 40,000 students have included science and religion dialogue in their academic pursuits.

"Funding can often be an obstacle to developing new college courses; these grants offer professors the ability to introduce new curriculum," said Peter Hess of the CTNS Science and Religion Course Program. "These awards allow professors to engage questions of growing import world wide."

The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) is a non-profit international member organization, affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. The Center promotes the creative mutual interaction between theology and the natural sciences through research, teaching, and public service.

The John Templeton Foundation was founded in 1987 by internationally renowned investment manager Sir John Templeton to encourage the pursuit of religious and scientific knowledge.



Susan Manahan

## Foreign Language Consortium Takes Flight

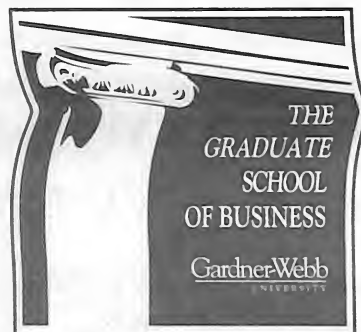
Teachers from Cleveland Co. Schools, Shelby City Schools, Kings Mountain District Schools, Rutherford Co. Schools and GWU are joining together in the first collaborative organization to increase the awareness of the benefits of foreign language learning.

The newly formed organization, the Southern Piedmont Foreign Language Consortium (SPFLC), met in April on the Gardner-Webb campus. The Consortium's goal is to improve foreign language instruction by encouraging collaborative relationships among different school systems and providing workshops for area teachers.

As part of that goal, they hope support from the Consortium will improve retention of foreign language teachers, as well as benefit area students by preparing them for jobs with local companies who need workers with language skills and for universities who require at least two years of study in the same foreign language.

The SPFLC is headed by President Carolyn Duncan. Kathryn Goforth is serving as treasurer and Dr. Tamara Cox, a GWU faculty member, is serving as secretary. Dr. Cox says, "Because of the local systems' merger discussions, this is the perfect time for such a collaboration to begin. We will be able to learn from each other and grow as a community."

A half-day workshop is planned on the GWU campus in September.



A long-anticipated Masters of Accounting (MACC) program will begin this fall as part of the GWU Graduate School of Business.

The 30-hour curriculum includes 18 hours of accounting courses and 12 hours of supporting graduate business (non-accounting) coursework. The program will also provide students with an educational experience to meet the North Carolina State Board of Public Accountancy's new 150-hour requirement to obtain the Uniform Certified Public Accounting Examination.

In a statement of purpose for the program, the MACC states that it is designed to meet the following objectives:

- Prepare individuals for careers in accounting with advanced training in specific areas built on a broad understanding of accounting and the business environment;
- Provide individuals with the opportunity of gaining advanced knowledge in accounting to enhance success in completing certifying examinations needed for designations,

such as Certified Public Accountant, Certified Management Accountant or Certified Internal Auditor;

- Integrate business experience with current accounting theory to enhance individual performance beyond the entry/certification stage in their professional careers;
- Provide techniques to analyze alternative solutions to accounting and business problems involving economic, social, legal, political and ethical factors;
- Develop techniques to meet the challenges of changing technology and today's global accounting dynamics.

Program administrators are excited about many features of the MACC, including the program's evening schedule, which will more easily accommodate working professionals. Also, the flexibility of the program allows for the creation of several career-specific degree tracks such as general accounting and taxation.

The two-year outline of courses has a logical sequence progressing from advanced accounting information systems, advanced auditing, accounting theory and practice, and tax research/planning to courses in the major emphasis areas.

For more information call 800-457-4622.

## MASTERS OF ACCOUNTING (MACC) DEGREE READY FOR INAUGURAL CLASS

## DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (D.Min.) DEGREE TAKES STEPS TOWARD REALITY

The M. Christopher White School of Divinity in November 2000 petitioned the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Commission on Accrediting for the offering of the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree.

In January 2001 the ATS Commission on Accrediting voted to authorize a focused visit to assess the school's readiness for the D.Min. program. The focused visit to campus by ATS took place on April 25-26.

A decision on offering the D.Min. will be made during Summer 2001. With a favorable report and action of ATS, the School of Divinity would begin the program in August 2001.

The proposed D.Min. would be a three-year, ministry-

focused degree for people serving in various ministry settings.

In related news, Dr. Jack W. Buchanan, Jr., director of admissions for the School of Divinity, has been named director of the D.Min. program. When the program is approved by ATS, Dr. Buchanan will begin his work as D.Min. director immediately.



Dr. Jack Buchanan



## SIFE TEAM BEATS MAJOR COMPETITION IN REGIONALS

### Gains Spot In National Finals In Kansas City

The Gardner-Webb University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team matched original business proposals and outreach projects in Atlanta, Ga., recently with universities from across the Southeast and came away as champions. GWU's victory earned it a spot in the national competition in Kansas City, Mo.

The Gardner-Webb team, which defeated groups from the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech and 53 other schools, made a 24-minute presentation about its activities during the 2000-2001 academic year. Taking classroom knowledge and applying it to real-life situations, the GWU team demonstrated to judges how the team took a new product and creatively marketed and promoted it. The team

was required also to demonstrate how it used its knowledge to better the surrounding communities through outreach projects, such as tutoring local middle school students about business concepts.

The Gardner-Webb proposal centered on a new brand of bottled water, an idea that was born from the University's own venture into that market with "Gardner-Webb University Water." The new product featured the SIFE name on it and, according to team members and advisors, made the greatest impression on Atlanta judges in terms of concept and originality.

All teams at the regional exposition in Atlanta were judged by a panel of corporate executives and CEOs. The Gardner-Webb group took home a

\$1,500 cash prize and a trophy for its win. The national winner in Kansas City will be awarded a \$25,000 cash prize. The national champion also will travel to London, England, in July to compete at the inaugural SIFE World Cup.

The Gardner-Webb SIFE team consists of 17 members, with students ranging from business to communications majors. Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, professor of economics, and Dr. Steve Perry, associate professor of business administration, serve as faculty advisors for the group. GWU staff member Kristen Setzer acts as assistant advisor.

At the team's year-end banquet, just prior to its trip to Kansas City, team advisors praised the group's poise and professionalism when competing against larger institutions.

"You belong among the best," said Negbenebor. "Hard work is not limited to students at certain schools. You have put in the hours and the determination, and you are worthy to be champions on



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every level."

Founded in 1975 and active on more than 1000 college campuses in 20 countries, SIFE is a non-profit organization that emphasizes the principles of free enterprise by providing learning opportunities for college students through partnerships with businesses and business leaders.

## 'GARDNER-WEBB REVIEW' PROVIDES STUDENTS PUBLISHING POSSIBILITIES

The Gardner-Webb Review is an annual, refereed publication associated with the Year of the Scholar Project at the university. The review presents work of outstanding scholarship in all academic disciplines represented in the undergraduate curriculum of the university. Its mission strives to foster interactions in philosophy, practice, theory, and research, as well as present topical and contemporary issues to stimulate other theorists and scholars.

The third edition is represented by a wide variety of topics, from a religion paper by Melissa Brown entitled "African Liberation Theologies: A Student of Southern and Eastern Africa" to a psychology research project entitled "Procrastination: The Development of an Experimental Academic Procrastination Scale" by Mandy Stevens, Kristi Rudasill, Laura King, and Jennifer Crumpler. There is an examination of "The Unattainable American Dream: binary opposition in the fiction of F. Scott Fitzgerald", by Meridith Byrd, and a communications study by Katherine Burch, entitled "A Study of Female Imagery Within Television Commercials: Reality or Hoax?"

Student submissions are solicited from upper level majors and honors courses throughout the year. Faculty mentors are assigned to student authors. Through collaborative efforts between faculty and the student, submissions are reworked to reflect scholarship worthy of professional merit in a scientific publication. An editorial board of senior faculty oversees content.

Dr. Jackson Rainer is editor of the Review. "I believe that students, particularly those who are preparing for graduate studies, need to have the experience of writing for their professional fields of study. The Gardner-Webb Review gives students experiential practice in scholarly research and publication, and teaches the value of adding to the greater body of knowledge. It is a wonderful opportunity for a student to be mentored into scholarly writing."

A refereed publication makes students increasingly competitive as graduate school applicants as well. Rainer explained, "Graduate students seeking professional degrees are obligated to write and contribute to the body of knowledge in professional and lay journals. An undergraduate student who has a published article adds weight and depth to her application for admission into graduate programs. It is an impressive statement to be able to include a publication with an application."



Dr. Joyce Brown (left) and Dr. Kevin Plonk look over a copy of the Gardner-Webb Review

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MAKING ITS MARK ON GWU STUDENTS

Habitat for Humanity is beginning to build (pardon the pun) a great relationship with Gardner-Webb. In recent months Millard Fuller, Habitat founder, visited campus; a mission team of students worked for a week in Charlotte on a Habitat house; and a Habitat chapter was begun on campus.

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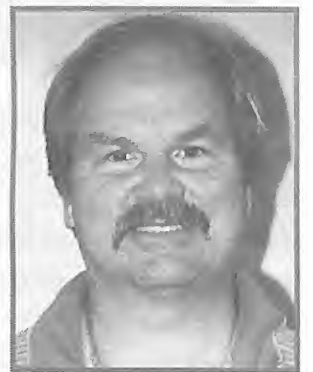
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# A MOM DEFINES THE WORD *Sacrifice*

*Speaking to an audience of thousands of organ transplant professionals from over 65 countries in September, Pope John Paul II called transplants "a great step forward in science's service of man. Every organ transplant has its source in a decision of great ethical value – the decision to offer without reward, a part of one's own body for the health and well being of another person."*

*Noting the nobility of the gesture, the Pope went on to describe organ donation as a "genuine act of love ... it is not just a matter of giving away something that belongs to us, but of giving something of ourselves."*

## The Dilemma

Gardner-Webb student Jessica Robbins always knew that one day she would have to receive a kidney transplant in order to live. But, she had no idea where that kidney would come from, or when the operation take place.

It was a frightening situation that was not only difficult for Jessica but for her family as well.

"Jessica was born with hypoplastic kidneys, which means small kidneys," says Jessica's mother, Patty Robbins. "Her kidneys would only be able to function at 50 percent of their normal levels."

The doctors told us that Jessica would have to have a series of tests every three months. Then as she got older, she had the tests every six months. Needless to say, Jessica became friends with needles."

Patty, who also has a Gardner-Webb connection (administrative assistant to Ray Hardee and undergraduate admissions), says that Jessica's kidneys were holding their own until Jessica reached 17 years old.

"Her kidney functions were getting weaker, and by the end of her senior year in high school, they were only operating at 15 percent. Then by the end of her freshman year at Gardner-Webb, the went down to 5 percent."

## The Prognosis

Reality had set in. A kidney donor would have to be found if Jessica had any hope of survival. "As much as you try to prepare yourself for this type of news (as a parent), it is always very scary," says Patty. "We knew that we

were all going to be there for Jessica in every way possible. I as her mother prayed that I could be the donor."

Said Jessica, "My dad, mom and sister (Candice Linnens), who is also a student here at Gardner Webb, tested to see who would be a match. If no one within my family was a match, then I would have to go on an organ recipient waiting list."

According to the National Kidney Foundation, presently in the United States there is a definite lack of available donors. In fact, 2,295 kidney patients died last year while waiting for a life-saving transplant.

## The Solution

After the tests were completed, the doctors determined that Jessica's father, sister and mother all matched as potential kidney donors. But, they determined that her mother would be the best candidate for the transplant procedure.

"I was really shocked," said Jessica. "I thought that because my sister was younger, she would be the donor. Mom has already had several surgeries and I really did not want her to have to go through another one."

The transplant was performed on June 8, 2000, and it was a complete success. But,

as in any transplant case, there is always the possibility of infection or rejection. So patients have to monitored and tested periodically.

"As soon as the kidney was put in place, it started to work," said Jessica. "Right after my surgery, I met a nurse (Gina Collins) who received her degree from Gardner Webb. She would come in sometimes just to talk and ask me about the university. She would say how lovely the campus is and hoped I would make a good recovery so I could start back again in the fall. That really encouraged me. I'm happy to say that now, I'm back in class and doing well."

## The Future

"The surgery is not a cure, but merely a treatment. No one can really

determine exactly how long a transplanted organ will last. I have many medicines that I take and will have to take the rest of my life. Right now, I am just taking things one day at a time."

"I am so very proud of Jessica," said Patty. "She has worked hard and continues to work hard in her classes and in everything she is involved in, despite so many adversities. She is truly a joy and a very special blessing from God."

The bonds of this family are tight. This mother and daughter both know the ultimate meaning of love and sacrifice. "I

am so very thankful for my Mom. She gave me another chance at life. I love her with all of my heart and I know there is no way I will ever be able to repay her for this gift," said Jessica. "Through this whole experience God is teaching me to depend on Him. He is the one I turn to day to day for strength. He has truly blessed me."

"I want to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, and cards during this time," said Patty. "I am so thankful and blessed to have wonderful people to work with at Gardner-Webb."

Perhaps this situation can best be summed up by a co-worker of Patty's. LouAnn Gilliam, assistant director of admissions, sees something special in this pair that goes beyond even the transplant.

"I think a great exclamation mark to this story is that Jessica also serves as a student worker for her mother in admissions. They get to enjoy each other so much every day. You have to believe that their bond is even stronger now than ever before."

Gilliam added, "It's something to think about. Patty gave Jessica life as a mother two decades ago. Then, she gave her life again this past summer. I think it's about the most remarkable thing I've witnessed in a long, long time."

**Postscript:** It has been one year since Patty Robbins gave her kidney

for her daughter. She reports that while Jessica still takes 12 different medications every day and has to make monthly trips to the doctor, all is progressing as well as could be expected.

"I think she's just been a champ," said Patty of her daughter. "Her faith has carried her through. She's the joy of my life."



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Patty has had no ill effects from the procedure either, but says it has taken a complete year to return to full health and stamina.

And just recently, there has been a new twist on this incredible story. A local Christian radio station held a Mother's Day contest in which Jessica submitted a 50-word entry about why her mother was so special.

The heartfelt message won Jessica and Patty an all-expense paid trip to New York City. Having never been to the Big Apple, both are equally excited. And Patty is still "in shock" about being the contest winner.

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## SIFE TEAM BEATS MAJOR COMPETITION IN REGIONALS

### Gains Spot In National Finals In Kansas City

The Gardner-Webb University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team matched original business proposals and outreach projects in Atlanta, Ga., recently with universities from across the Southeast and came away as champions. GWU's victory earned it a spot in the national competition in Kansas City, Mo.

The Gardner-Webb team, which defeated groups from the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech and 53 other schools, made a 24-minute presentation about its activities during the 2000-2001 academic year. Taking classroom knowledge and applying it to real-life situations, the GWU team demonstrated to judges how the team took a new product and creatively marketed and promoted it. The team

was required also to demonstrate how it used its knowledge to better the surrounding communities through outreach projects, such as tutoring local middle school students about business concepts.

The Gardner-Webb proposal centered on a new brand of bottled water, an idea that was born from the University's own venture into that market with "Gardner-Webb University Water." The new product featured the SIFE name on it and, according to team members and advisors, made the greatest impression on Atlanta judges in terms of concept and originality.

All teams at the regional exposition in Atlanta were judged by a panel of corporate executives and CEOs. The Gardner-Webb group took home a

\$1,500 cash prize and a trophy for its win. The national winner in Kansas City will be awarded a \$25,000 cash prize. The national champion also will travel to London, England, in July to compete at the inaugural SIFE World Cup.

The Gardner-Webb SIFE team consists of 17 members, with students ranging from business to communications majors. Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, professor of economics, and Dr. Steve Perry, associate professor of business administration, serve as faculty advisors for the group. GWU staff member Kristen Setzer acts as assistant advisor.

At the team's year-end banquet, just prior to its trip to Kansas City, team advisors praised the group's poise and professionalism when competing against larger institutions.

"You belong among the best," said Negbenebor. "Hard work is not limited to students at certain schools. You have put in the hours and the determination, and you are worthy to be champions on



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Founded in 1975 and active on more than 1000 college campuses in 20 countries, SIFE is a non-profit organization that emphasizes the principles of free enterprise by providing learning opportunities for college students through partnerships with businesses and business leaders.

## 'GARDNER-WEBB REVIEW' PROVIDES STUDENTS PUBLISHING POSSIBILITIES

The Gardner-Webb Review is an annual, refereed publication associated with the Year of the Scholar Project at the university. The review presents work of outstanding scholarship in all academic disciplines represented in the undergraduate curriculum of the university. Its mission strives to foster interactions in philosophy, practice, theory, and research, as well as present topical and contemporary issues to stimulate other theorists and scholars.

The third edition is represented by a wide variety of topics, from a religion paper by Melissa Brown entitled "African Liberation Theologies: A Student of Southern and Eastern Africa" to a psychology research project entitled "Procrastination: The Development of an Experimental Academic Procrastination Scale" by Mandy Stevens, Kristi Rudasill, Laura King, and Jennifer Crumpler. There is an examination of "The Unattainable American Dream: binary opposition in the fiction of F. Scott Fitzgerald", by Meridith Byrd, and a communications study by Katherine Burch, entitled "A Study of Female Imagery Within Television Commercials: Reality or Hoax?"

Student submissions are solicited from upper level majors and honors courses throughout the year. Faculty mentors are assigned to student authors. Through collaborative efforts between faculty and the student, submissions are reworked to reflect scholarship worthy of professional merit in a scientific publication. An editorial board of senior faculty oversees content.

Dr. Jackson Rainer is editor of the Review. "I believe that students, particularly those who are preparing for graduate studies, need to have the experience of writing for their professional fields of study. The Gardner-Webb Review gives students experiential practice in scholarly research and publication, and teaches the value of adding to the greater body of knowledge. It is a wonderful opportunity for a student to be mentored into scholarly writing."

A refereed publication makes students increasingly competitive as graduate school applicants as well. Rainer explained, "Graduate students seeking professional degrees are obligated to write and contribute to the body of knowledge in professional and lay journals. An undergraduate student who has a published article adds weight and depth to her application for admission into graduate programs. It is an impressive statement to be able to include a publication with an application."



Dr. Joyce Brown (left) and Dr. Kevin Plonk look over a copy of the Gardner-Webb Review

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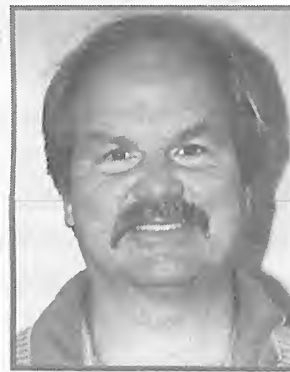
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# MEN'S BASKETBALL CLAIMS NCCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

James Colwell's leaning three-pointer with 33.8 seconds left gave Gardner-Webb an 85-83 lead and lifted the Runnin' Bulldogs to an 89-83 win over No. 3 Geneva (Pa.) College to capture the 2001 National Christian College Athletic Association's men's basketball national championship in March.

Geneva took its first lead of the game on a pair of Adam Gladieux free throws with 2:09 remaining in the game and, after GWU tied the score at 82-82 on a Bruce Fields free throw, the Golden Tornadoes' Brice Mills went to the line and drained another pair of charity shots for an 83-82 Geneva advantage with only 47 seconds left.

After a timeout, the Bulldogs went to All-Tournament choice Colwell, who leaned in from the left side to drain his third three-pointer of the game – an off-balance chance that caused most of the 4,198 in attendance to erupt in celebration.

Matt Jacobus, who scored all 16 of his points in the second half, couldn't find the mark on a three-point attempt with 13 seconds left and Fields found a streaking Carlos Webb downcourt. An intentional foul call on Gladieux resulted in a pair of Webb makes at the stripe and Chas Criss added two more free throws for the final margin.

The result is Gardner-Webb's first national championship in men's basketball at any level of competition.

The Bulldogs (22-10) weathered a ferocious comeback by the Golden Tornadoes after bolting to a 55-43 halftime lead. Jacobus nailed three three-pointers in the first four minutes of the second half to trim GWU's advantage to five and the game was on.

Gardner-Webb opened up double figure leads on several occasions in the second half, but Geneva would not go away, cutting the lead to a single point on a Mills jump shot with 5:58 to play (79-78), setting up Gladieux's go-ahead free throws moments later.

Gardner-Webb opened the game with both barrels blazing, shooting the lights out from inside and beyond the three-

point arc. The Bulldogs opened up as much as a 20-point advantage before the Golden Tornadoes could counter.

A short jumper by Matt Hodgson and a steal and layup by Gladieux as time wound down in the opening half quickly trimmed a 55-39 advantage to 12 before the break. The Bulldogs shot a blistering 55.9 percent in the opening half, going inside to Jamie Roller and using the usually hot outside shooting of reserves Chris Wiggins and Matt Poynter to roll out a 41-23 lead with 6:37 left in the first half.

Geneva was just as hot in the latter stages of the half, finishing at 51.7 percent from the floor to help trim the lead just before halftime.

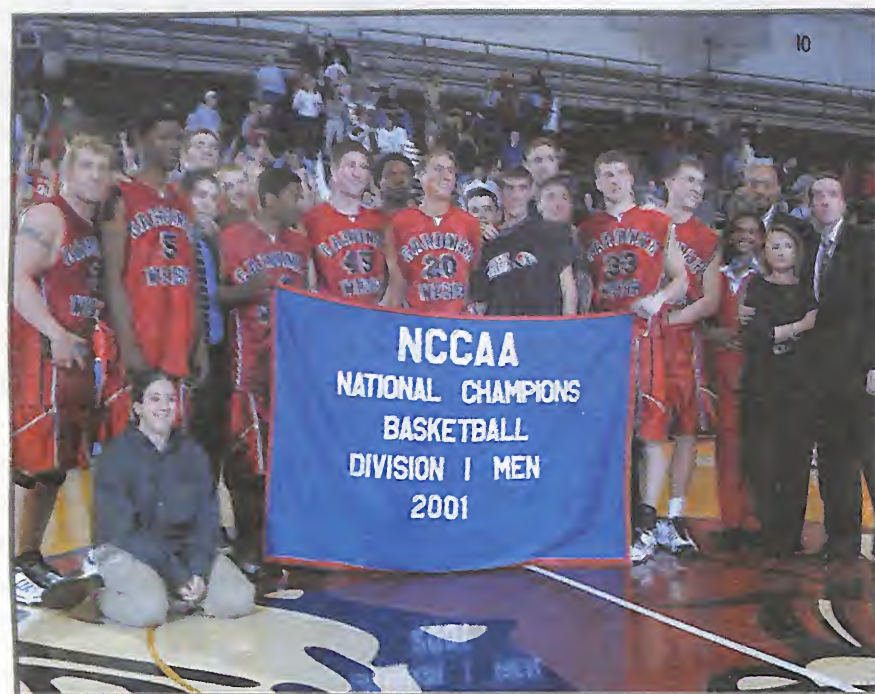


photo by Jessica Webb

Colwell led the 'Dogs with 19 points and was joined in double digits by Criss with 15 points, Poynter with 16 points, plus the tandem of Webb and Roller with 12 each. GWU wound up shooting 50.8 percent for the contest, while Geneva also held steady at 51.7 percent.

Gardner-Webb's Rick Scruggs was confident his team wouldn't panic when Geneva came storming back into the game. "I knew our guys weren't going to quit," said Scruggs. "We've worked too hard. Once we were up one, I expected us to clamp down on defense and we did. I didn't expect them to panic and they didn't. This is probably the most satisfied feeling I've had after a game."

"Not many teams get to end the season with a win and we're one of very few who can go into the offseason with a 'W'. This bunch has won 47 games the past two years and I'm extremely proud to be their coach."

The back-to-back 20 win seasons for GWU marks the first time in exactly 20 years that the program has accomplished that feat.

Gardner-Webb's Colwell, Fields and Webb were named all-tournament, with Webb bringing home Most Valuable Player hardware after averaging 17.0 ppg in the tournament's three games.

## DEVOTED FRIEND OF ATHLETICS DIES IN MAY

Louise Austell Short, 83, passed away May 25 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

She was born May 11, 1918, in Charlotte. She was a graduate of Shelby High School and attended Asheville Normal Teacher's College. She and her late husband, L.W. "Speed" Short, established Short's Boat and Motor Service, which became Shoco. She worked there as secretary and treasurer until her death.

She was a devoted member of the Gardner-Webb Bulldog Club, where she was named Bulldog of the Year in 1982.

She also served as a member of the advisory board of the Hawaiian Baptist Academy in Honolulu, Hawaii, for 20 years. She served as president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 82, in Shelby. In addition, she served on the board of trustees for Cleveland Country Club and the North Carolina Historical Society.

For the past 73 years she was a member of First Baptist Church of Shelby, where she was the secretary, president of the Love Sunday School class, and a choir member.

## THE NCCAA AND GARDNER-WEBB

Recently, Dan Wood, executive director of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA), spoke with The Web about the relationship between GWU and his organization:

"The NCCAA is targeted to Christ-centered universities/colleges not just church-related ones," said Wood. "Gardner-Webb has proven to be such an institution although they face the same challenges all growing schools face. As they move to NCAA Division I status the tendency to seek 'position over mission' will become more difficult to avoid. I believe Chuck Burch and his staff are aware of this and attempting to serve the mission of Gardner-Webb University."

The proximity to the NCCAA National Office in Greenville, SC, has allowed us to develop a working relationship as it relates to hosting of events. The Men's and Women's Division I Basketball Championships were a great success this past March and the 2001 Victory Bowl (football) should prove to be just as beneficial to all involved.

Wood added, "The FCA chapter there at GWU is a vibrant ministry that enhanced the total experience for the student-athletes and coaches during the basketball events. The NCCAA takes seriously our requirement to promote Christ throughout our championships and the Lord was praised by the outreach, the competition and the closing ceremonies. Much of the success for the quality spiritual environment goes to the FCA leadership both there at GWU and in the

Charlotte area."

So what does the future hold for the NCCAA and the University?

"Obviously, the long-term relationship between the NCCAA and GWU will be determined as the University moves into an NCAA Division I conference.

"We have no track record in NCAA Division I since Gardner-Webb is our first dually-affiliated Division I member. I would be surprised if a conference would allow such dual affiliation but we plan to enjoy and make the most of the association while it lasts. If the NCCAA and GW can both say the relationship has been athletically and spiritually beneficial then both mission statements have been well-served."



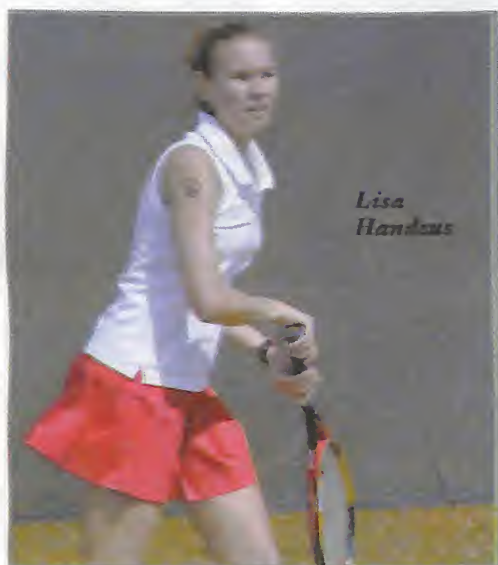
Dan Wood of the NCCAA (right) joins head football coach Steve Patton at a recent fundraiser for GWU athletics.



# MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAMS TAKE HOME NCCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. – Sophomore Lisa Handzus clinched a National Christian College Athletic Association national championship for Gardner-Webb, defeating Molly Nesseth of Bethel College (Mishawaka, IN) 6-1, 6-3 for a decisive 5-1 team victory.

GWU, in its first season of transition to NCAA Division I following two straight trips to the NCAA Division II National Tournament in 1999 and 2000, finished the season at 13-5 and had several notable wins during the 2001 campaign— including victories over Division I foes Mercer (Ga.) and UNC Asheville.



Lisa Handzus

The National Christian College Athletic Association's invitational tournament was held at the 1996 Olympics Tennis Center and featured three days of exciting results for the Lady Bulldogs. The tournament's top

seed heading in, GWU dominated in all aspects of competition to roll to the title, dropping only two individual matches the entire week.

Gardner-Webb defeated NAIA Olivet Nazarene University (Bourbonnais, IL) 8-1 in the semifinals to advance to the championship round. Following the team invitational competition, the Gardner-Webb women kept the hot streak alive, winning five out of the six matches in the individual flight tournament as well as taking all three doubles matches to wrap up a wonderful performance in the Peach State.

Sweeping every match, the GWU men's tennis team captured the National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship, defeating Bethel

College (Mishawaka, IN) 9-0, giving the Bulldogs their first sweep of the 2001 season.

The win pushed Gardner-Webb's season ending record to 9-11, but gave the rapidly improving bunch a

7-4 record over its final 11 matches.

Playing six matches total on the final day of competition, the Runnin' Bulldogs only gave up six games during the championship match in what turned into a truly dominant performance. The Bulldogs faced



Bryan Edmonds

Reinhardt College (Waleska, GA) in the quarterfinals and rolled to a 7-2 win. In the semifinals, Cedarville (Oh.) University stood no chance against the Division I Bulldogs and GWU romped to an 8-1 win to advance to the championship round vs. Bethel.

Gardner-Webb ran through the individual flight championships as

well – with all six singles players taking home All-America honors. The Gardner-Webb doubles teams also captured NCCAA All-America honors in the individual flight tournament.

## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE - These dates are tentative. Please refer to [www.gardner-webb.edu](http://www.gardner-webb.edu) for the latest information.

### FOOTBALL

<b>August</b>	
30	Univ. of Tennessee-Martin, Away 7:30 p.m.
<b>September</b>	
8	East Tennessee State, Away 6 p.m.
15	Northwestern State (La.), Away 7 p.m.
22	Samford, Home 6 p.m.
29	Elon, Away 2 p.m.
<b>October</b>	
6	Morris Brown, Home 1:30 p.m. (Homecoming)
13	Virginia Union, Away 1 p.m.
20	Liberty University, Home 1:30 p.m.
27	Open
<b>November</b>	
3	Florida Atlantic, Home 1:30 p.m.
10	Savannah State University, Away 5:30PM
17	NCCAA Victory Bowl, Home 2 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

<b>August</b>	
31	Virginia Tech (WCU Tournament, Cullowhee, NC)
<b>September</b>	
1	Western Carolina (WCU Tournament)
1	Evansville (WCU Tournament)
4	UNC-Asheville, Home
7	Furman University (Furman Tournament)
8	Central Florida (Furman Tournament)
8	Charleston Southern (Furman Tournament)
15	Lipscomb University, Home
18	Winthrop University, Away
21-22	Gardner-Webb Invitational
28-29	Lees-McRae Asics Invitational, Away
<b>October</b>	
9	Mars Hill, Away
12-13	Gardner-Webb Classic
19-20	NCCAA Regional Tournament (Pensacola, FL)
23	East Tennessee State, Away
30	USC-Spartanburg, Away
<b>November</b>	
1-3	NCCAA National Tournament (GWU campus)
6	Mars Hill, Home

### CROSS COUNTRY

<b>September</b>	
7	danielchapterone relays, Home
21	Great American Cross Country Festival (Charlotte, NC)
29	Greensboro Invitational, Hagan Stone Park, NC
<b>October</b>	
5	Holiday Inn Express/Gardner-Webb Invitational, Home
13	NC Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships, TBA
<b>November</b>	
10	NCAA South Regional, Greenville, SC
17	ECAC/IC4A Championships, Bronx, NY

### MEN'S SOCCER

<b>August</b>	
21	Lenoir-Rhyne College (exhibition), Away
31	UNC-Charlotte, Away
<b>September</b>	
2	Wofford College, Away
7	Winthrop University, Away
8	Radford University, (Rock Hill, SC)
12	Georgia State, Home
15	Lee University, Away
19	Virginia Military Institute, Home
22	Mercer Macon University, Home
25	Wake Forest University, Away
28	Lipscomb, Home (GWU Classic)
29	Belmont, Home (GWU Classic)
<b>October</b>	
6	Campbell University, Away
9	UNC-Asheville, Home
15	University of South Carolina, Away
20	Liberty University, Home
24	Clemson University, Away
31	Virginia Tech, Away
<b>November</b>	
3	Stetson University, Away
4	Central Florida, Away

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

<b>August</b>	
29	Queens College (exhibition), Home
<b>September</b>	
1	Campbell University, Home
3	Clemson University, Home
7	Southern Mississippi University, Shreveport, LA
9	Centenary College, Shreveport, LA
12	Western Carolina University, Home
15	Georgia Southern, Away
16	Morehead State University, Home
22	Malone College, Home
23	Coastal Carolina University, Home
29	High Point University, Away
<b>October</b>	
2	Charleston Southern University, Away
6	Liberty University, Away
9	UNC-Asheville, Home
12	Presbyterian College, Away
13	South Carolina State University, Away
16	Elon College, Away
19	East Tennessee State University, Away
23	The Citadel, Home
27	Troy State University, Away



# GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

*The Gallery of Distinguished Graduates seeks to recognize Gardner-Webb alumni who represent the University in such a way that they have brought honor and positive attention to their alma mater. Those who are recognized have their photos and career descriptions displayed prominently in the Dover Campus Center on the Boiling Springs campus. The University extends its deepest appreciation to all alumni who have helped GWU gain the reputation of being a character-building institution.*



**Sam Freeman (A.A. '48)** is President of Carolina Pool Supply Company of Charlotte, Inc. He has been director of Western North Chapter NSPI, North Carolina Public School Teacher and Athletic Coach and Sanitarian Supervisor for Mecklenburg Health Department. He and his wife, Janie Runyan Freeman, live in Charlotte.



**Dr. R. Scott Good (B.S. '71)** has owned the R. Scott Good Insurance Agency, Inc., in Gastonia, North Carolina, since 1987. Prior to that, he held the positions of State Farm Agent, Agency Manager, and Agency Field Consultant for State Farm Insurance. He and his wife, Barbara F. Good, reside in Cramerton, NC.



**The Reverend William Honeycutt (B.A. '72)** is Director of Association Missions for Green River Baptist Association in Rutherfordton, NC. He is a member of the GWU Ministerial Board of Associates and the NC Baptist Directors of Mission Conference Ministerial Board of Associates. He and his wife, Teresa, live in Rutherfordton.



**Dr. Bob Patterson (A.A. '50)** has been a professor in the Department of Religion at Baylor University since 1961. He was consultant to Word Books Publishing Co., and President of the American Academy of Religion. Twice he was recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Member award at Baylor. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Waco, TX.



**Lara Grace Sellers (B.S. '89)** is a technical trainer for Wachovia Securities Inc., in Charlotte, NC. She has also been a self-employed professional musician-singer, an 8th Grade Science Teacher and coach for Kings Mountain Schools, and a training associate for Siecor in Hickory, NC. She lives in Charlotte.



**Sherri K. Shaver (A.A. '86)** is CEO/President of All-State Express, Inc., in Clemmons, North Carolina. She also owns a medical supply expediting company. She holds DNS, INS, PICC and Bone Marrow Transplant certifications, and she is a member of the INS, ONS and American Cancer Society. She resides in Mocksville, NC.

## THE CENTENNIAL COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN ...

The year was 1905. Much has changed since that first class enrolled in what was then Boiling Springs High School. What hasn't changed is that the institution has always believed that Christian higher education is a true means of adding quality to the vocational, social and personal lives of our alumni and students. So, as we approach the celebration of our 100th birthday in 2005, we are proud that, through the integration of faith and learning, we have always offered the finest possible liberal arts and professional education to our students. Our mission has been, and remains, to serve God and humanity.

We are counting down to our most significant birthday. What memories do you have of Gardner-Webb? Please share them with us as we compile your thoughts and recollections for publications leading up to our grand celebration.

Contact us by e-mail at [mwebber@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:mwebber@gardner-webb.edu), by phone at 704-406-4637, or by fax at 704-406-3871.





# CLASS NOTES

## The '40s

**Elizabeth H. Grigg '48 A.A.** has written 40 poems and been published in several collections. She recently had a poem, "Spring's Grandeur", published in the Easter Ideals. She lives in Gastonia, NC, and can be reached at: ehgrigg@juno.com.

## The '50s

**Rev. Richard Bass '54 A.A.** has retired from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church where he has pastored for 34 years. He has made an impact in the foreign mission fields including Chile, South America; Togo, West Africa; Sao Paulo, Brazil; the Caman Islands and British West Indies. He is originally from Belmont, NC.

**Ed Peeler '57 A.A.** has been named by the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association (NCADA) for induction in its Hall of Fame. The NCADA Hall of Fame has been established to recognize achievement and excellence for athletic administration. Ed taught and coached at Mooresboro before moving to Crest. He served as athletic director, head basketball and baseball coach, and coached cross country. He is a member of the Cleveland County Sports Hall of Fame. In December of 2000, the Crest gymnasium was renamed in his honor. He retired in 1998.

## The '60s

**C. Robert Jones**, former faculty member who founded Gardner-Webb's degree program in Theatre Arts during the late 60's, is playwright of the award-winning drama,

"Nocturne For A Southern Lady". The play will run from May 31 - August 26 in Abingdon, Virginia's, Barter Theatre (www.bartertheatre.com). Jones can be reached at: cjones@mhc.edu.

**Jerry Hoyle '68 A.A.** has been named Kings Mountain School District's Principal of the Year for 2000-2001, his third time receiving the honor. Jerry lives in Kings Mountain with his wife, Ann. Their daughter teaches high school in Maryland.

## The '70s

**Brenda Bouser '71 B.A.** recently played a feature role in the Sandhills Theatre Company's production of "Rumors." The Bousers lived in Washington, DC, and Moscow, Russia, before moving to Southern Pines, NC. Her husband, Steve, edits their local newspaper. Brenda works in Corporate Communications for a regional health care system.

**Joe Mickey Jr. '71 B.S.** continues to work with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission covering Ashe, Watauga and Mecklenburg Counties. He works to improve the stream conditions near DOT highway projects. He has also worked as a fishery biologist, responsible for the welfare of local trout ponds and stock.

**Dr. Frank S. Page '73 B.S.** has accepted the call to pastor Taylors First Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC. He has pastored churches in Texas, Georgia and North Carolina. He is married to Doyle Gibson Page and has three daughters.

**Greg Killian '74 B.A.** has taken the position of chairman of the state Board of Education for SC. he works as director of child, adolescent and family services for the Waccamaw Center for mental Health.

**Greg Thornton '74 B.A.** has accepted the pastorate of Southside Baptist Church in Perry, Florida, after five years with The Florida Baptist Children's Home. His daughter attends GWU. He can be reached at: thortontongreg@hotmail.com.

**Gene Bumgardner '76 B.A.** was recently

the focus of an article in "The Kings Mountain Herald" for his work as Kings Mountain High School choral director. He is also minister of music at New Hope Baptist Church in Gastonia and guest conductor at many music clinics statewide.

**Ron Rash '76 B.A.** has held book readings at Cleveland Community College and Gardner-Webb during the months of February and March. Ron has authored several books of short stories and poems including *The Night the New Jesus Fell to Earth in Cliffside, North Carolina*. He held a creative writing workshop while at Cleveland Community College.

**Rev. Greg T. Mathis '77 B.A.** was guest speaker in the Cultural Enrichment Program on the Campbell University campus in January, 2001. The program is an attempt to facilitate communication within the school, contribute to the cultural and educational atmosphere of the campus and stimulate religious search and commitment.

**Stephen Duane Proctor '77 B.S.** and Julie Moore Eagle were married December 31, 2000, at Chapel At The Park. Julie is employed by Wallace and Graham, P.A. Stephen is a self-employed physician. They reside in Salisbury.

**Evan Roberts Johnson '78 B.S.** has been called to pastor Adial Baptist Church in Adial, VA. This is his first English speaking pastorate after 18 years in Hispanic ministry. He and his wife, Vicki, can be reached at: pastorevan@juno.com.

**Suzanne Patterson '78 B.A.** and Michael Dale Jefferson were married on June 10, 2000, in Chesterfield, VA. She is employed as office services specialist for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**James I. Scarborough, Jr. '78 B.S.** was recently elected president of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc., a multi-national body which establishes standards for substance abuse professionals around the world. Jim is a consultant with the firm of Randolph E. Cloud and Associates, a Raleigh, NC, based public relations firm specializing in behavioral health care.

## The '80s

**Jeff Medford '80 B.S.** has taken the position of pastor at Mount Moriah Calvert Baptist Church in Brevard, NC. He has been employed as senior applications engineer with Milanco Industrial Chemicals in Charlotte and attending the Divinity School at GWU. He can be reached at: JLM56556@aol.com.

**Mark Shore '81 A.A.** has been named BB&T's city executive for the town of Selma. He has worked with BB&T as a business services officer and with KS Bank as branch manager.

**James Hovis '82 B.S.** has a CPA practice located in Dallas, NC.

**Basil L. McVey '82 B.S.** is working as the deputy director for the Court Services Division of the NC Administrative Office of the Courts in Raleigh, NC. He and his wife, JoAnne, can be reached at: bmcvey@indspring.com.

**Lynn Griggs Guest '83 B.A., '89 M.A.** and husband, Tim Guest, announce that their son, Zach, won the bronze medal in the 200 meter breast stroke competition of The South Pacific Splash Swim Tournament in July 2000. Lynn is the daughter of the late Dr. Keith Griggs, who was a professor in the Broyhill School of Management at GWU for 34 years. The Guests can be reached by e-mail at: guestdc@bellsouth.net.

**Susan Jones '83 B.S.** is director of Burke County's LEAP Academy, an intensive one-year intervention program targeting eighth grade students who have failed one or more grades. She has served as assistant principal and teacher in the Burke County School system before joining LEAP.

**Rev. J. Nathan King '84 B.S.** was installed as pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ

on March 25, 2001. He previously pastored Asheboro United Church of Christ.

**Carlann Osborn '85 B.A., '88 M.A.** was guest speaker for the Tryon Rotary Club in December, 2000. A fourth grade school teacher for Polk County Schools, he was one of two teachers to give a virtual tour of the new Saluda Community Library. Carlann had received the "Teacher of the Year" award in 1994-1995.

**Chuck Ledford '86 B.S.** has taken a position with the Wake Forest University School of Medicine as programmer/analyst staff specialist in May, 2000.

**James Todd Strutton '86 B.A.** is working as a painter for Echerer Painting Contractor. He resides in Hodges, SC, with his wife Kelly, who works as a preschool teacher at Kiddie Korner of Greenwood, Inc.

**Tiffany Lynn Davis '89 B.A.** was married to Jerry Lee Hughes on January 20, 2001, in Spartanburg, SC. Tiffany is employed as media director for Haggerty Marketing Group of Spartanburg. Jerry is field specialist for Progressive Telephone Engineering. Following a Caribbean cruise, they reside in Spartanburg.

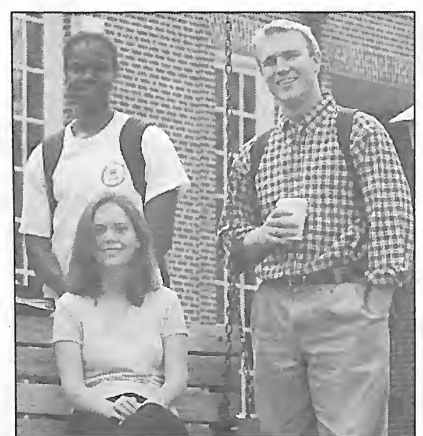
**Brenda Goforth '89 B.A., M.A.** has taught math at Shelby High School since 1989. She recently received certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards during 1999-2000.

**Evelynn Gwaltney Yount '89 B.S. GOAL** and husband, Conrad, announce the birth of their third child, Collin Hugh Yount, on January 18, 2001. Their other children include Andrew, age 5, and Victoria, age 3.

## The '90s

**Jimmy Douangdara '90 B.A. GOAL** was married to Phouthong from Laos on April 1, 2001. Jimmy has been teaching at Overlook Middle School since receiving his MAT from Simmons College in Boston in 1994.

**Karen Michelle Godfrey '90 B.S.** was married to James Dale Harshman on November 18, 2000, in Lake Lure. Karen is



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## BIOLOGY GRAD A FRIEND TO ENVIRONMENT

Area trout have **Joe Mickey** to thank for suitable environmental conditions. Mickey is a 1971 graduate of Gardner-Webb's Biology program working for the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission.

His life's work is caring for streams and fish. He worked as a Fishery Biologist in Surry County for 25 years, beginning in 1977. Mickey explains, "I was responsible for anything related to fish in 11 counties in North Carolina, whether it was the trout stock or the welfare of the local trout ponds."

He now works to restore streams for the Department of Transportation, repairing damage to streams that have been altered by humans or filled in with rocks to lessen erosion and gives them a more natural flow and look. His work is on landowner's property in Watauga and Mecklenburg (NC) counties. Landowners come to the Wildlife Commission to let them know they are having problems. Mickey is also responsible for the stream conditions after restoration is completed. "After the project is completed, we are responsible for long-term monitoring of the stream. We have to make sure the temperature is right, so that trout can survive. In order to do that, we have to add the right amount of vegetation to keep the stream temperature cool enough."

Mickey is involved in community efforts to benefit the environment outside of work through the Mitchell River Steering Committee and the Surry County Natural Resources Committee. The Mitchell River Steering Committee is responsible for overseeing Mitchell River drainage in Surry County. The Surry County Natural Resources Committee is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service and reports to the County Board of Commissioners on ways to preserve the environment. "Currently we are looking over all of the county ordinances to see if any need to be revised or improved to help preserve our county's environment," states Mickey.

After working out of his home for most of his career, he now has an office outside the home, necessitated by his need for a fax machine and copier. "I grew up as an outdoor person, and I never wanted a desk job."

He adds, "It's ironic, because now I have a desk job."



employed as an accounting technician II of Blue Ridge Community Action in Morganton. James is employed by Radco Construction Services, Inc., Charlotte, as a foreman. The couple resides in Hickory, NC, and plan a spring trip to Hawaii.

**Russell T. Fair '91 B.S.** has accepted a position with Bank of America as Web developer in the information protection division. He is married to Debra Fair who is employed by Carolina's Medical Center. His e-mail address is: russell.fair@bankamerica.com.

**Michelle Sorrells Hamilton '91 B.S. GOAL** received National Board Certification in 2000. She has been teaching for 9 years at James Love Elementary School in grades 3 and 4. Her husband, Russell, works with All-American AC/Heating. They reside in Boiling Springs, NC.

**Angelia Dianne Anthony '93 B.S.** and Mark Elliot Bieberich were married December 9, 2000, in Cherryville. Angelia is employed as a sixth grade teacher at West Lincoln Middle School. Mark is chassis specialist and front tire changer for the No. 96 McDonald's Ford, driven by Andy Houston in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series. After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple live in Cherryville.

**Laura Bailey Friar '93 B.S.** and Tim Friar announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Kathryn, on December 10, 1999. Laura is a K-3 music teacher. Tim is minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church Rockingham.

**Annie Y. Head, RN, CNOR '93 A.A.** was appointed surgical services director at Rutherford Hospital. She has served as assistant director of OR since 1997, before which she worked in the OR and OB/Women's Unit. She is a member of the Association of Operating Room Nurses. Annie, her husband, Isaac, and two children live in the Shiloh Community in Rutherford County.

**Donald R. Helton, Jr. '93 B.A., '97 M.A.** is now minister of music at Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Holly, NC. He previously worked at Cedar Falls.

**Cynthia "Cyndi" Renee Hill '94 B.S.** and Christopher Lee Lineberry were married February 17, 2001, in Gatlinburg, TN. Cyndi is employed by GMAC Insurance in Winston-Salem. Chris works as a computer repair technician for Key Services. They live at Pilot Mountain.

**Kelly Holland '94 B.S.** is pursuing her National Board of Teaching certification. She is a first grade teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. She plans to marry and relocate in Charlotte next year. She can be reached at: Kellykh@mindspring.com.

**Jennifer Turner Shuford '94 B.A.** and husband, Scott, announce the birth of their second child, Jessica Ivey, on February 2, 2001. They have a son, Joshua Bryant. They reside in Kings Mountain and can be reached at: jshuford@bsamail.org.

**Jeff Dean '95 B.A.** has accepted the position of youth and children's pastor at Marietta First Baptist Church in Greenville, SC. He can be reached at: MFB CYouth@juno.com

**Christopher Edward Johnson '95 B.S.** and Angela Georgette Burleson were married December 9, 2000, in Bakersville, NC. Angela is employed at the Avery County Department of Social Services. Christopher is employed at Mitchell County Farm Bureau in Bakersville.

**Christopher L. McKeaver '95 B.S. GOAL** and wife, Pamela, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Leigh, on January 21, 2001. Christopher is a travel counselor for the State of NC Division of Tourism. Pamela is employed as a teacher in the Surry County school system. They reside in Siloam.

**Katherine S. Morris '95 B.S. GOAL** is teaching marketing and business education at South Stanly High School in Norwood, NC. She lives with her husband, Randy, in Troy, NC. They can be reached at: kmorris@aac.net.

**Sherry G. Waycaster '95 B.S.** has been elected assistant vice president and named

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managing officer of the First National Bank Hickory office.

**Candy Payne Willard '95 B.S. GOAL** and husband, Mike, announce the birth of their daughter, Callie Breann, born February 26, 2001. They have two other children: Corbin, age 4, and Cassidy, age 1. Candy is an at-home mom. Mike owns Sound Connection. They reside in Mount Airy, NC, and can be reached at: sndcon@advi.net.

**Cindy Driggers '96 B.S.** has taken the position of assistant director of financial aid at Richmond Community College. She is continuing her education in internet courses to help her maintain the department's area of their Web site.

**Laura Prevost Mathews '96 B.S.** has completed an M.S. degree at Purdue University and is pursuing a Ph.D. degree in counseling psychology. Her husband, Vincent, is a neuroradiologist at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She has two stepsons. The Mathews reside in Indianapolis, IN.

**Mistie Ivey Olson '96 B.S.** and husband, Jerel, announce the birth of their son, Jerel Allen, on September 1, 2001. The Olson's reside in Yorktown, VA. Mistie is operations coordinator at Newport News Shipbuilding. Jerel serves as minister of youth and evangelism at Poquoson Baptist Church.

**Amy Allen '97 M.A.** is a fifth grade teacher at Marion intermediate School. She recently received certification from the National Board for professional teaching standards during 1999-2000.

**Mary McCray Dellinger '97 B.A., '99**

**M.B.A.** has been promoted to Warehouse Controller for Siecor LLC. She has received several promotions moving her from the warehouse / inventories department to production / supervision and accounting / finance.

**James Calton Duckworth, III '97 B.S.** has completed 25 years of employment with CADMUS, a printing and graphics company. His daughter, **Carrie, class of 2000**, is in the U.S. Army serving in South Korea.

**Tiffany Faircloth '97 B.A.** works as a technical analyst for First Union Corporation in Charlotte. She is in her second year of graduate studies at Wingate University with plans to graduate December, 2001. She can be reached at tiffany.faircloth@firstunion.com.

**Julie "Juls" Hux '97 M.A.** has attained certification as a national Certified Counselor through the National Board for Certified Counselors Inc. and as a North Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor. She is employed as a school counselor at Crest Middle School. She previously worked more than 4 years in the residence life department at GWU.

**Brian Russell Linder '97 B.A.** and Billie Jo Moore were married January 2, 2001, in Las Vegas. Brian is currently pursuing his masters degree in school administration at GWU and is employed as English teacher and football coach for Cherokee County Schools / Gaffney High School. His wife is employed as assistant manager of Kay Jewelers. After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, they reside in Shelby. They can be reached by e-mail at:

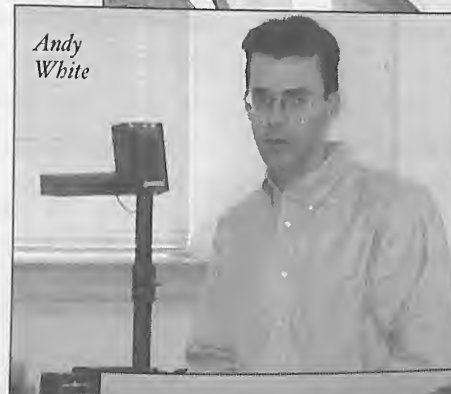
## BUSINESS ALUMNI RETURN TO THEIR ROOTS

Three of the School of Business' most distinguished graduates made their way back to campus in the Spring semester to share advice for GWU business students and words of wisdom to fellow business leaders.

**Sandra Lynch** is sales engineer of Intermedia Communications in Charlotte, NC. She spoke as part of an E-commerce seminar in April.

**Andy White** is portfolio manager for Centura Bank in Rocky Mount. He oversees over \$3 billion in investments for that company.

**Stephen Hendrix** is senior vice president of store operations for Krispy Kreme, Inc., in Winston-Salem. He not only addressed GWU business students, but area also high school students on campus for the annual high school business symposium.



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**Crystal Carson '98 B.A.** has been promoted to Communications Manager at Micell Technologies, Inc., in Research triangle Park, NC. She manages media relations, franchisee communications, internal communications, government relations and special events for the corporate headquarters and its national franchise system. Micell Technologies develops carbon dioxide for environmentally friendly commercial applications. She can be reached at ccarson@micell.com.

**William John Hans Jr. '98 B.S.** married Amanda Ruth Weaver December 16, 2000, on the campus of Catawba College. After a trip to the French Polynesian Islands, they reside in Huntersville.

**Carlton Hurt '98 B.A.** is staff sportswriter for "The Dispatch" which has won 12 NC Press Association awards for editorial excellence. Carlton won third place in sports columns. He joined the staff full-time in 1998.

**Brenad I. Pardue '98 M.A.** has achieved National Board Certification in the teaching field. She is a third grade teacher at West Yadin Elementary School. Her husband, Dale, is maintenance supervisor for the RJR Tobacco Company. Their e-mail address is: pardue@yadtel.net.

**Allison Nicole Bowman '99 B.A.** and Marcus Eugene Starnes were married February 17, 2001, in Kannapolis. Allison is employed in case management at NorthEast Medical Center. Marcus is employed at Shoe Show Warehouse and is director of youth at Centerview Baptist Church. The couple reside in Kannapolis after a trip to Gatlinburg, TN.

**Matthew Guffey '99 B.S. GOAL** works for Hertz Equipment Rental Corp as a sales representative. He lives with his wife, Mary, in Asheville, NC. They can be reached at: mlguffey@ioa.com.

**Jennifer Louise Huffstetler '99 B.A.** was married to William Gray Benton on March 3, 2001. Jennifer is a member of Five Points Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and is employed by the state of North Carolina. William is employed by Julius Blum. Following a cruise in Western Caribbean, the couple reside in Gastonia.

**Kathryn Ann Kitting '99 M.A.** and Philip Ray Holder were married November 25, 2000. Kathryn is employed by Forrest Hill Elementary in Morganton as a fifth grade teacher. Philip is self-employed as a workers compensation disability manager. After a trip to Tybee Island, GA, the couple live in Hickory.

**Sarah Hales Ledford '99 B.S.** works as a social worker with the Davie County Department of Social Services. They have a daughter, Chelsea, and plan to adopt a daughter from China later this year. They can be reached at ledfords@earthlink.net.

**Ronnie Mixon '99 M.Div.** and family have moved to the Level Cross, NC, area to establish a contemporary style church. They have lived in the Brevard, NC, area for the past 6 years, where he served as associate pastor.

**Michelle Lynn Morrison '99 A.A.** and Andy Eugene Lail were married February 3, 2001, in Mooresboro. She works as a registered nurse for the Dialysis Clinic Inc. of Shelby. Andy is employed by Rapid Pace Oil Change. After a trip to Gatlinburg, TN, and Myrtle Beach, SC, the couple live in Mooresboro.

**Kathy Sushereba '99 B.S.** was recently featured in "The Dispatch" newspaper in Lexington, NC. Her skills in media and public relations were highlighted. She is employed by Lexington Memorial Hospital.

**Keith E. Watts '99 B.S. GOAL** is working as an instructor of business for Wilkes Community College. He has instructed classes at the Senior Center of Wilkes and Wilkes Department of Corrections as well. His wife, Deb, works with the Department of Social Services. They can be reached at: kwatts@wilkes.net.



## HOMECOMING 2001



The Annual GWU Alumni Golf Tournament at the Cleveland Country Club will kick off the weekend festivities for "Passport to Homecoming" October 5-6. Other events and activities for the weekend include the Alumni Awards Banquet, the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Powder-Puff Football, and a Christian Concert on the Quad. Alumni from various campus clubs and organizations will meet for lunch prior to the big game on Saturday. The "Passport to Homecoming" theme will be carried out in the Homecoming Parade through Boiling Springs ending at Spangler Stadium where The Runnin' Bulldogs meet the Morris Brown Wolverines. All alumni have a chance to show their school spirit by entering the Annual Tailgating Contest at the stadium parking lot prior to the game. Your "Passport to Homecoming" will be mailed later this summer in order for our alumni to register for all events.

## The '00s

**Ashley Abbott '00 B.A.** was recently employed by Accenture to work in human resources and recruiting for the Charlotte area. She resides in Charlotte and can be reached at: arabbott@yahoo.com.

**Jillian Ealy '00 B.A.** is working as an interpreter for the deaf at the Communication Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She lives in Johnson City, TN, and can be reached at: jealy@hotmail.com.

**Jeffrey Eugene Faris '00 B.S.** and Jennifer Joyce Hall were married December 16, 2000, at Always Elegant Wedding Chapel. Jennifer is employed by MaroMont Healthcare. Jeffrey is employed by PDI. The couple honeymooned in Gatlinburg, TN.

**David Matteson '00 M.B.A.** was awarded the Student Performance Medal of Excellence for his performance on the Certified in Financial Management Examination. He is employed as manager of financial planning and accounting at International Comfort Products in Lewisburg, TN.

**Katherine Lynn Paterson '00 B.S.** was married to Brian Scott Spicer March 17, 2001. Katherine is a police officer with the Winston-Salem Police Department. Brian is a MRI technologist at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. They live in Winston-Salem.

**Dan Planck '00 B.S.** has been hired as

assistant baseball coach at Greensboro College. He holds the career saves and single-season saves record at GWU. Dan was the assistant manager for Footaction USA in Asheville, NC, before taking the new position. Last summer he pitched professionally with Evansville of the Frontier League.

**Tabatha Hope Sigmon '00 B.S.** and Stephen Ashley Spake were married December 30, 2000, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Tabatha is employed by Muzak Limited of Charlotte. Stephen is employed by John Dower and Co. Following a Caribbean cruise, the couple reside in Charlotte.

**Richard L. Wood '00 B.A.** has become full-time minister of youth and family life activities at Enon Baptist Church in Salisbury, NC. His e-mail address is: rlwood24@bellsouth.net.

**Timothy Scruggs '01 B.A.** held a recital at First Baptist Church, Rutherfordton, February 11, 2001, playing the Moeller pipe organ. He is organist at Floyd's Creek Baptist Church and plans to study organ at Appalachian State University.

**Amanda Leigh Stevens '01 B.S.** and Matthew Kent Brannock were married July 22, 2000. Amanda is employed as a counselor at Baptist Children's Home in Salem, VA. Matthew is a trooper with the Virginia State Police. Following a cruise to the Caribbean, the couple reside in Roanoke, VA.

## Deaths

**Gene Mac Allen Sr.** died January 26, 2001, at Wallace Thomson Hospital. He was a former electrician, member of the South Carolina National Guard, and ruling elder of Second Presbyterian Church.

**Houston Benjamin Cooper** died February 5, 2001, at Hospice of Wendover. He has been an employee of Gardner-Webb and Cleveland County Recycling Center.

**Dr. J.D. Copeland** died January 14, 2001, at White Oak Manor in Rutherfordton. He retired from teaching business at Gardner-Webb. Memorials may be made to the Business Department of GWU, PO Box 897, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

**Cynthia G. Dent** died February 21, 2001, at Norton Hospital.

**Dr. Robert Allen Dyer** passed away April 14, 2001. He was a former GWU professor of Religion and Psychology from 1946-1956. He also served as missionary to Japan from 1940-1945 and was prisoner of war from 1941-1945.

**Keith Eugene Hayes** died March 24, 2001. He worked in contractor sales with Leeds Building Products. His wife Cynthia Mathis Hayes, and daughter, Katie, appreciate the kindness and encouragement they have received from Keith's GWU '75 classmates and former instructors. They can be reached at: chayes816@yahoo.com.

**Rev. Clarence Earl Hampton** died March 20, 2001, at Upstate Carolina Medical Center.

**Judy McGinnis Howell** died February 3, 2001, at Johnson City memorial Hospital in Johnson City, TN. She was a counselor for students at North Elementary School in Kings Mountain, NC.

**Joyce B. May** died December 9, 2000, at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

**John Z. McBrayer** of Cleveland Pines Nursing Center died January 1, 2001, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He served on the GWU advisory board.

**Rufus L. Morgan** died March 2, 2001, at his home after an extended illness.

**Samuel D. Pascal** died unexpectedly on January 18, 2001, at an Oklahoma City hospital.

**John D. Pettigrew, Sr.** died March 10, 2001, at Carolinas Medical Center. He was a veteran of the US Army, having received the Purple Heart during World War II. He graduated from the class of '48 and attended Wingate College. He was an outstanding linebacker for GWU.

**Zeno Wall, Jr.** passed away on March 3, 2001. He was a member of the class of '31 and retired from the American Enka Corporation as assistant manager. The following contains excerpts from a speech made by Ozzie McFarland in 1991, when Mr. Wall was inducted into the GWU Hall of Fame:

"Zeno Wall was a standout on Boiling Springs Junior College's athletic teams of 1930 and 1931. He lettered in football, basketball and baseball during his playing days. He went on to be one of the finest football players in the Big Five (UNC, NC State, Duke, Wake Forest and Davidson), as a quarterback at Wake Forest.

Zeno led the Bulldogs to the North Carolina Junior College Football championship and was selected as a North Carolina Junior College All-Star quarterback.

I believe the following newspaper description best sums up the style of play fans of the era saw of Zeno Wall: 'A wiry little quarterback with hula-hoop hips and football machinery in the thinking cells of his head led the Boiling Springs Junior College to a 25-0 victory. Size counts but not when a player ... has the goods. Quality not quantity is the main thing.'

Zeno Wall was and is certainly quality. In fact, his achievements as a player, though very significant, fail to compare with his success after college. He is perhaps best known for his work as president of the Gatlinburg (TN) Chamber of Commerce. He has been referred to on several occasions as the person responsible for making Gatlinburg the tourist area it is today.

November 18, 1990, was declared Zeno Wall Day by the governor of Tennessee in recognition of his outstanding service in the best and in the highest tradition of the state of Tennessee. He has been on the governor's staff in five different states - Kentucky, North Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, as well as several times in the state of Tennessee.

Zeno Wall, Jr., is the son of the late Zeno Wall, a longtime pastor of First Baptist Church in Shelby and a former president of Gardner-Webb College."



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— Ozzie McFarland on Zeno Wall, Jr., during 1991 Gardner-Webb Hall of Fame inductions

## ROOMMATES ENJOY BOND AS MAYORS

**Jimmy Harris** and **Tim Hagler** were roommates at GWU in the mid-80s. They built a friendship that continues today. Being roommates is not all they share in common. They both now serve as mayors. Jimmy Harris, a 1986 alumnus, is mayor of Brevard, NC, and owner of Harris ACE Hardware. Tim Hagler, also a 1986 alumnus, is mayor of Harrisburg, NC, and owner/executive director of Professional Care Management, Inc., a residential treatment provider for underprivileged youth and adolescents. Neither one anticipated their current positions as mayors while at Gardner-Webb. But they say that their experiences at GWU helped them gain the professional and personal tools they needed to serve in their positions as mayors.

Harris worked with a securities firm in Norfolk, Va., immediately after graduation. Ready to return to Brevard, he accepted encouragement from his dad to help run the family business. It was then that he became involved in the

Brevard community through the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association and other community groups. Combining skills he gained through the U.S. Air Force and his training at GWU, he felt ready to make a positive impact in the community through leadership. He states, "Brevard has become a destination not only for new residence, but tourists too. As Mayor, I find myself in the position of managing a balance between the two. My job is to be a conduit between our citizens and city hall."



Tim Hagler had plans to become a securities broker and obtained a series 7 brokerage license. He instead went to work for the NC Department of Revenue. He found a co-worker with a similar

vision for helping underprivileged youth. Together they began Professional Care Management, Inc., and now have three additional companies. Tim has been on the Harrisburg Town Council since 1987 and was appointed mayor in June of 2000. Tim states, "The experience I gained in business classes, playing football, and holding office in student government has been the most valuable lessons gained at GWU. That experience has helped build my confidence in making business decisions, never quitting, a hard work ethic, and to speak publically with confidence."

Both Harris and Hagler have fond memories of their time at GWU outside of the academics as well. In addition to recalling the fun loving pranks played on dorm mates late nights, GWU is where Tim Hagler met his wife, then named Nancy Beaty. He recalls the days of 3-a-day summer football practices and the NACA conventions that Melvin Lutz and the Student Center Board would take.

Harris said his time at GWU was a stepping stone through both the relationships he made and the life lessons learned. "Zander Ingram, our dorm janitor, proved to be a tremendous source of motivation for me. I often think that it was Zander that taught me one of life's greatest lessons.. to always be kind, caring and concerned. As a public official, you must possess all three."

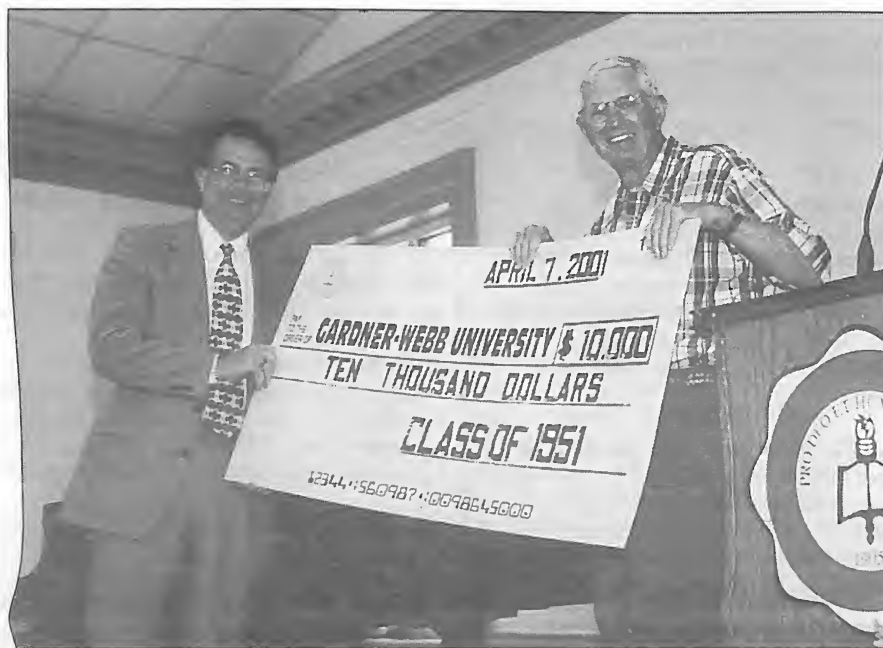




## 50-YEAR REUNION A RESOUNDING SUCCESS



This April, the Class of 1951 celebrated its 50th Reunion on the GWU campus. Members from the class met in Ritch Banquet Hall for lunch and reminiscing and also participated in the making of a video history for GWU. Many of our guests joined Student Alumni Council Ambassadors for tours of the campus to enjoy seeing the growth of the campus over the years. A reception was held later in the afternoon where Administration, Faculty and Staff had a chance to meet with the group. A class banquet was held in O. Max Gardner Memorial Recital Hall where classmates enjoyed sharing very special memories of their college days. Members of the Class of 1951 were inducted by Dr. Chris White, GWU president, into the Half-Century Club at a special luncheon, which was attended by many of our alumni from various graduating years. We were very honored and pleased to have so many of our Gardner-Webb Alumni back on campus for this special weekend.



### ROBERT DYER REMEMBERED ...

Dr. Robert Allen Dyer passed away Saturday, April 14. He was a former Gardner-Webb professor of religion and psychology. Also, he was a missionary to Japan from 1940-1945 and was a prisoner of war from 1941-1945. He served the university as professor from 1946-1956. He had returned to campus for the past three years in celebration of the 50-year reunions and had planned to attend this year but became ill. In an April 1999 speech to one of the reunion classes, he said poignantly, "Gray hair crowns many heads, and some crowns have little or no hair at all. But if your experience has been like mine, while taking their toll, the years have also brought their rewards."

If you have special memories or thoughts you would like to share about Dr. Dyer, please contact us at [cbridgeman@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:cbridgeman@gardner-webb.edu) or at GWU Alumni Relations, PO Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.





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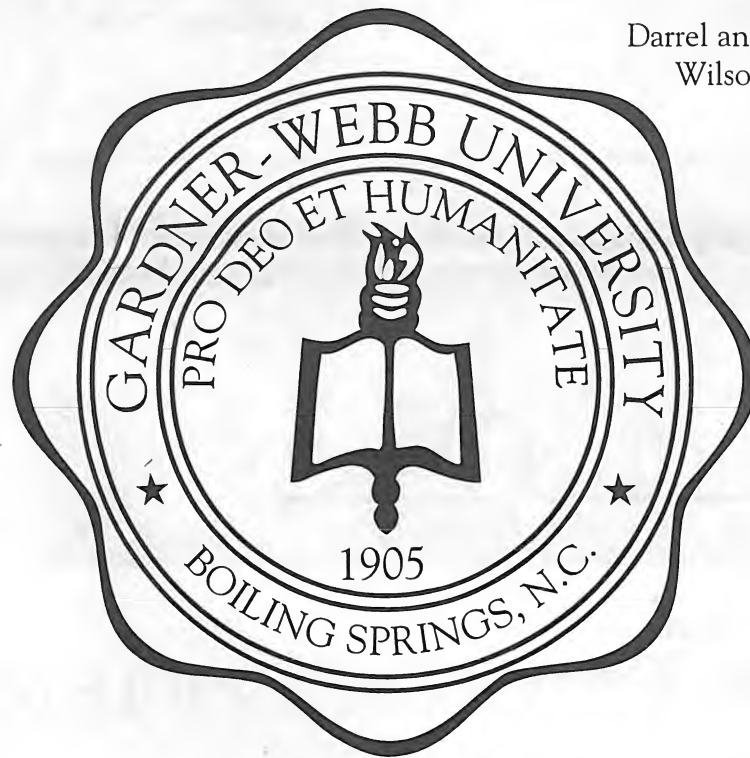
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